GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services –Commercial Taxes Department - Surprise check conducted over the Integrated Check Post, Purushottapuram of Ichapuram Mandal, Srikakulam District on 12.03.2016 – Allegations of Corruption – Common Disciplinary proceedings initiated- Inquiry under Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991- Articles of Charge framed against Smt A. Rajeswari, Head Clerk O/o Administrative Officer, Commercial Taxes Department, Integrated Check Post, Purushottapuram of Ichapuram Mandal, Srikakulam District – Orders - Issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.463 **Dated:03.04.2019**
Read:

G.O.Ms.No.263, Revenue (Vigilance – II) Department, Dt:03-04-2019.

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O R D E R :

In continuation of the orders issued under Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 in the reference read above, it is considered necessary to hold an enquiry against Smt. A.Rajeswari, Head Clerk O/o Administrative Officer, Commercial Taxes Department, Integrated Check Post, Purushottapuram of Ichapuram Mandal, Srikakulam District under Rule 20 of the said rules.

2. The substance of the imputation of misconduct or misbehaviour in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of articles of charge (Annexure-I) and the imputation of misconduct or misbehaviour in support of each article of charge is enclosed (Annexure-II). A list of documents by which and a list of witnesses by whom the articles of charge are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure-III & IV).

3. Smt. A.Rajeswari, Head Clerk, O/o Administrative Officer, Commercial Taxes Department, Integrated Check Post, Purushottapuram of Ichapuram Mandal, Srikakulam District is directed to submit, within ten days of the receipt of this order, a written statement of his defense.

4. She is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charge as are not admitted. She should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Smt. A.Rajeswari, Head Clerk O/o Administrative Officer, Commercial Taxes Department, Integrated Check Post, Purushottapuram of Ichapuram Mandal, Srikakulam District is further informed that if she does not submit his written statement of defense on or before the date specified in para 3 above, or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 or the orders / directions issued in pursuance of the said rules, the Inquiring Authority may hold the inquiry against him ex-parte.

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6. Attention of Smt A. Rajeswari, Head Clerk O/o Administrative Officer, Commercial Taxes Department, Integrated Check Post, Purushottapuram of Ichapuram Mandal, Srikakulam District is invited to Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964 under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interests in respect of matters pertaining to his service under Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt with in these proceedings, it will be presumed that she is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at her instance and action will be taken against her for violation of Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules,1964.

7. The receipt of this order may be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Dr.D.SAMBASIVA RAO
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (CT, EXCISE & R&S)

To

Smt. A.Rajeswari, Head Clerk O/o Administrative Officer, Commercial Taxes Department, Integrated Check Post, Purushottapuram of Ichapuram Mandal, Srikakulam District (w.e, Annexures-I to IV) **through** the Commissioner of Commercial Taxes, Andhra Pradesh, Eedupugallu, Vijayawada. (with a request to serve the order on the individual and send the served copy with dated signature to Government)

The Commissioner of Commercial Taxes, Andhra Pradesh, Eedupugallu, Vijayawada.

Copy to:

The Secretary to Vigilance Commissioner, Andhra Pradesh Vigilance Commission, Velagapudi.

The Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, Pandit Nehru Bus Station, NTR Administration Block, 2nd Floor, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.

The Revenue (Commercial Tax – I) Department.

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ANNEXURE-I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SMT. A.RAJESWARI, SENIOR ASSISTANT, COMMERCIAL TAXES DEPARTMENT, WORKING ON DEPUTATION AT O/o AO, INTEGRATED CHECK POST, PURUSHOTTAPURAM, ICHAPURAM MANDAL, SRIKAKULAM DISTRICT IN SC.NO. 03/SCACB/ SKL/2016 SRIKAKULAM RANGE.

Smt. A. Rajeswari, Senior Assistant, Commercial Taxes Dept at O/o Administrative Officer, Integrated Check Post, Purushottapuram joined in Government Service on 20.07.1996 as Junior Assistant in the O/o the Commercial Taxes Office, Srikakulam. She was promoted as Senior Assistant on 16.12.2008 and worked as such in the O/o Commercial Tax Office, Kasibugga. Later she was transferred to O/o the Administrative Officer, Integrated Check Post, Purushottapuram on deputation and she is working as such from 08.04.2015 and committed the following grave mis-conduct in as much as.

CHARGE-I:-

That while working as Head Clerk at O/o Administrative Officer, Integrated Check Post, Purushottapuram she did not attend phone call of the Administrative Officer, Integrated Check Post to produce the duty charts which are being maintained by her, during the surprise check proceedings on 12.03.2016.

Thus Smt. A.Rajeswari, Head Clerk, by her above mentioned acts, has exhibited lack of integrity, devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of a Government Servant and thereby contravened Rule 3(1) & (2) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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ANNEXURE-II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS OF MISCONDUCT IN SUPPORT OF THE ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SMT. A.RAJESWARI, SENIOR ASSISTANT, COMMERCIAL TAXES DEPARTMENT, WORKING ON DEPUTATION AT O/o AO, INTEGRATED CHECK POST, PURUSHOTTAPURAM, ICHAPURAM MANDAL, SRIKAKULAM DISTRICT IN SC.NO. 03/SC-ACB/ SKL/2016 SRIKAKULAM RANGE.

Smt. A.Rajeswari, Senior Assistant, Commercial Taxes Dept at O/o Administrative Officer, Integrated Check Post, Purushottapuram is native of Srikakulam. Her date of birth is 28.07.1974. She joined in Government Service on 20.07.1996 as Junior Assistant in the O/o the Commercial Taxes Office, Srikakulam. She was promoted as Junior Assistant on 01.09.2010 and worked-as such in Srikakulam District. Later she was promoted as Senior Assistant on 16.12.2008 and worked as such in the O/o Commercial Taxes Office, Kasibugga. Later she was transferred to O/o the Administrative Officer, Integrated Check Post, Purushottapuram on deputation and she is working as such from 08.04.2015. She is drawing basic pay of Rs.36,070/- and she is attaining superannuation on 31.07.2034. She is here-in-after called as Government Servant.

CHARGE-I:-

That Smt A.Rajeswari, while working as Head Clerk at O/o Administrative Officer, Integrated Check Post, Purushottapuram, did not attend phone call of the Administrative Officer, Integrated Check Post to produce the duty charts which are being maintained by her, during the surprise check proceedings on 12.03.2016.

FACTS AND EVIDENCE:-

On receipt of credible information that the officials and employees of Integrated Check Post of Itchapuram were indulging in corrupt practices and habitually collecting illegal gratification directly and through unauthorized private persons and allowing the vehicles to pass through check post without verifying the vehicle records and goods being transported there in and there by causing huge loss to the Government exchequer, the officials of the Anti Corruption Bureau, Srikakulam Range conducted a surprise check on the integrated check post, Purushottapuram, Srikakulam from 04.30 AM to 09.30 AM on 12.03.2016.

During the said surprise check proceedings when the Administrative Officer of check post, contacted her over phone to produce the duty charts which are being maintained by her, she did not attend the said phone call.

Thus the Government Servant, by her above mentioned acts, has exhibited lack of devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of a Government Servant and thereby contravened Rule 3(1) & (2) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

The Government Servant has therefore rendered herself liable for regular departmental action for major penalty.

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ANNEXURE-III

DOCUMNETARY EVIDENCE:-

1	Original mediators report dated on 03.06.2016 from 2100 hrs to on 04.06.2016 to 0130 hrs drafted at ICP, Purushottapuram,Itchapuram
2	Reply from Administrative officer,ICP, Purushottapuram vide Rc.No.14/2016 HC dated 20.06.2016 along with service particulars of charged officer.
3	If any document required, will be submitted

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ANNEXURE-IV

ORAL EVIDENCE:-

1	Sri Tanikella Jagannadha Rao, S/o late T.V.K. Sharma, age 56 years, Head master, Z.P. High School, Patrunivalasa village, Srikakulam Rural mandal, R/o D. No. 8-226, Bhaskara Nagar Colony, Bondilipuram, Srikakulam
2	Sri Boddepalli Nagabhushana Rao, S/o Malleswara Rao, age 45 years, School Asst., (Physical Sciences), Z.P. High School, Patrunivalasa village, Srikakulam Rural mandal . R/o Plto No. 431, 8th line, PN Colony, Srikakulam. LW-1 & 2 speak about their presence as official mediators at the time of surprise check conducted on the integrated check post and observation of happenings at the check post and preparation of the proceedings etc facts.
3	Sri. C.V.Narayana Reddy, AO, ICP,Itchapuram, Srikakulam
4	Sri. K.Ranga Raju, Deputy Superintendent of Police, ACB, Srikakulam Range. He speaks to the fact of his supervision of surprise check conducted on the ICP, Itchapuram and about the collection of mamools by the officials of check post from the transport drivers, apprehension of the private persons, seizure of amount, relevant documents and registers during the proceedings.
5	Sri. P.Srinivas Rao, Inspector of police, ACB, Srikakulam Range. He speaks to the facts of his assisting the DSP, ACB during the surprise check and observations on the happening at the counters of check post and obtained required information from concerned department and submitted the detailed report to the HO.

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